

EARLY READERS NOW!



Birth - 6 months



All Fall Down

by Helen Oxenbury
Simon and Schuster, 1987* **

This book presents a multicultural group of babies doing things that babies enjoy. Babies will enjoy looking at other babies, hearing simple words, and joining in with their own renditions.



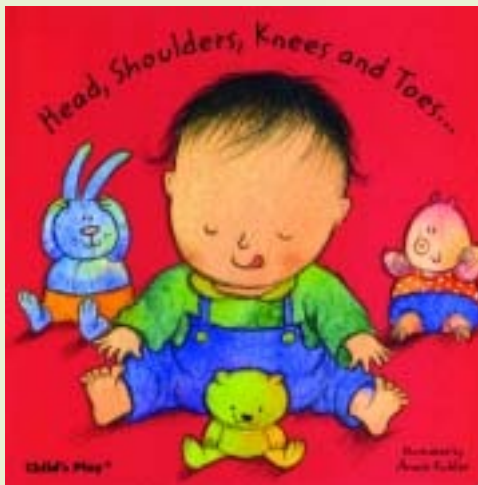
Arroz Con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes

from Latin America

by Lulu Delacre

[Original Language in Spanish, Published in English] Scholastic, 1992*

A collection of traditional Latin American songs and rhymes, in Spanish and English, with the music included.



Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

by Annie Kubler

Child's Play International Ltd; 2002* **

A board book for babies or toddlers and their parents. It provides an introduction to books through a well-known nursery song and interactive text.

Questions for Kids:

1. Where is (baby's name) head?
Are they here? Here?
2. Where are (baby's name) shoulders?
3. Where are (baby's name) knees?
4. Where are (baby's name) toes?
5. Can you point to your knees and then your toes?
6. Can you touch all three?

Have fun with this one, get the toddler to correct you when you're wrong!

If You're Happy and You Know It

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The words to a familiar nursery song encourage babies and their parents to have fun together



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Max's First Word

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Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998**

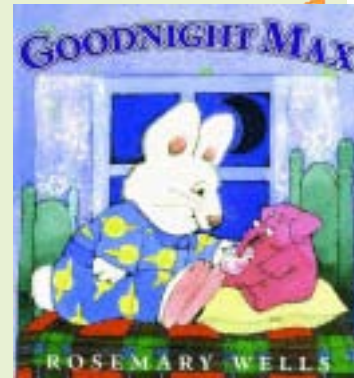
Max's big sister, Ruby, tries to teach Max to say several new words, but his new word will surprise and delight toddlers.

Max's Bedtime

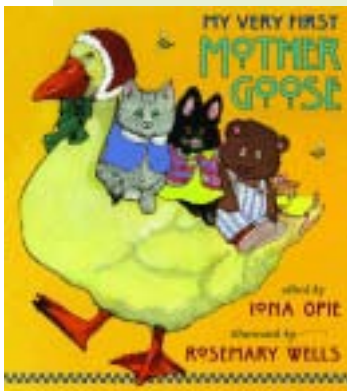
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Though Max's sister Ruby offers him her stuffed animals he cannot sleep without his red rubber elephant. Max's rubber elephant is lost. Ruby tosses him her bear, but Max still can't sleep!



My Very First Mother Goose



edited by Iona Archibald Opie, Rosemary Wells
(illustrator)

Candlewick, 1996

A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including "Hey Diddle, Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," "Little Jack Horner," and "Pussycat, Pussycat."

READING TIP:

Babies are exploring the world around them through their senses. Books, which show faces and objects and demonstrate sounds, help babies in their exploration.

Owen's Marshmallow Chick

by Kevin Henkes

HarperFestival, 2002**

Owen cannot resist any of the goodies in his Easter basket except for the yellow marshmallow chick, which happens to be the same color and texture as his cherished blanket. Instead of eating it, he plays with it, smiles at it, and finally puts it on his shelf and kisses it good night.

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Peek-A-Boo!

by Janet and Allan Ahlbert
Viking, 2000**

Look on with baby as he peeks at his family through actual die-cut holes in the pages of this all-time favorite. The pages unfold busy scenes from breakfast to bedtime, inviting young children to play along with the classic peek-a-boo game.

What Is That?

by Tana Hoban
Morrow, William & Co., 1994**

White silhouettes against a black background depict such objects as a pacifier, stroller, balloon, and chair.

Who Are They?

by Tana Hoban
Morrow, William & Co., 1994**

Black silhouettes against white background depict different mother animals and their young, from one sheep to five ducks.

You Are My Perfect Baby

by Joyce Carol Thomas, Nneka Bennett (photographer)
HarperCollins, 1999* **

The soft-hued illustrations show an African-American child playing with toys, eating cereal, taking a bath, and walking with his mother's assistance. Babies will like the rhythmic, musical quality of the words.

